

**CHAPTER**  
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**SECTION 1**

**READING COMPREHENSION**

**The Nature of Interest Groups**

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1. What is an interest group?

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2. By what other names are interest groups sometimes known?

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3. Define the term *public policy*.

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4. Name four ways that parties and interest groups are different.

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5. Why did James Madison warn against interest groups?

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6. List six functions that interest groups perform in American politics.

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e. \_\_\_\_\_

f. \_\_\_\_\_

7. What are the main criticisms that have been leveled against interest groups?

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_